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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement with regard to the above-identified application. Form PTO/SB/08A is attached.

The documents cited are the closest prior art known to the applicants, and copies of the cited documents can be found in the applicant's parent U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/981,702. Accordingly, no further comment in regard to the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required.

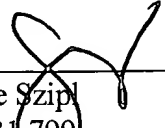
It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered and officially cited, and that a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A, initialed by the Examiner to indicate that the documents have been considered, be returned to the applicants.

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